

Local Intelligence.

From Saturday's Daily.

THE WEATHER was threatening nearly all of yesterday, and trade, altho' not absolutely dull, was less lively than any preceding day this week. At this writing, late in the evening, it is an unsolved question whether we are to have rain, snow or sleet.

DR. G. W. FOSTER, of Nelsonville, was in town today. He says farmers are industriously engaged in preparing land for the seed, and in repairing fences, and performing other plantation labor. There will be more oats sowed by farmers in that part of Austin county, than usual.

THE BANNER acknowledges an acceptable present, consisting of fine cigars and brandy, from the new firm of Hooper & Feller. Every taste was gratified. A few of those belonging to the office, do not, as a rule "take sugar in theirs," but all can appreciate the fragrance of a fine Havana. The brandy was duly sipped, and the health and success of the new firm drank in animating bumpers.

ON THE beautiful plantations along the road from Travis to the city, we noticed that nearly all the farmers have commenced turning up the soil. Most farmers recognize the fact, and act accordingly, that the first and most important step in securing good crops, is to thoroughly prepare the soil for the reception of seed. Besides the necessity of proper preparation of the soil to insure good crops, it should be borne in mind that where this has been properly attended to, the cultivation can be accomplished with at least one-fourth less labor. Everything is in favor of thorough preparation of the soil, and we are glad that farming communities generally, in this portion of the State, are acting on the idea.

From Sunday's Daily.

PNEUMONIA.—We learn that there are several cases of pneumonia in the city, superinduced by the changeable weather which has visited us during the past three weeks.

WOOD.—The freeze caused several wood-haulers to bring in wood yesterday, which they offered at the "moderate" price of five dollars per cord. The demand was quite limited at that extortionate figure.

FIXED.—The parties engaged in the free fight at the market house Friday evening, were up before the Mayor yesterday morning, and were made to contribute liberally to the city exchequer.

STOR.—Complaints are made that owing to the boisterous and indecent language used at the market house, ladies are prevented from doing their own marketing. A few heavy fines would put a stop to this business.

FIRE.—The heaviest sleet and freeze that has visited this section for the past seven years was experienced on Friday night. Yesterday morning the trees, fences, houses, etc., were covered with ice, which caused great suffering to stock.

WATER FAILURE.—We learn that in some parts of the city that wells are still very low, affording but a limited supply of water. The fall rains thus far have not been sufficient to benefit wells, hence the scarcity of water.

A FAIR COMPROMISE.—When we wrote a notice of the uncertain state of the weather in our last, we were in doubt whether it would rain, snow or sleet. It did a little of each. Now that is what may be called a fair compromise.

WE LEARN from Hon. S. A. Hackworth, the postmaster at this place, that mail matter intended for the Northern or Western States, will reach its destination 12 hours earlier, if deposited in the office here by half after 12 o'clock, instead of waiting for the 4 o'clock evening train. We deem this a matter of sufficient importance to our business men, to give it publicity. A few hours are sometimes of great importance in business men.

FROM THE FORT.—We learn that there was a general free fight at the market house on Friday evening, resulting in one white man being slightly cut by a negro.

YESTERDAY was such a disagreeable, bad day, that very few citizens from the country showed their faces in the city. It was a nice day for staying in doors.

JOHN J. HAGGERTY, Esq., of Bellville, was in the city yesterday, and called at our office. Having been successful in most of his cases at the late term of the District Court of Austin county, John was in a very amiable mood. He is stopping at the Central.

PLANT FRUIT TREES.—Within a radius of four or five miles of this city, there are half a dozen nurseries or more. At these nurseries select fruit trees can be had of all the fruits adapted to our climate, on fair terms. Now is the time for planting peach, plum and pear trees. Every man, who owns a few acres of land, can and should enjoy the healthy luxury of good fruit, for good fruit is not only healthy, but is one of the most exquisite luxuries that ever tickled man's palate, since his expulsion from the garden supposed to have been prolific of all golden fruits.

No man, who owns and cultivates a few acres of land, can offer a sound excuse for depriving himself and family of the healthy comfort afforded by fruit alone. Every consideration, even the practical one of economy, urges upon every man who owns soil, to cultivate fruit. A few dollars invested in select fruit trees will repay a hundred fold. There is nothing to be gained by delay, and everything by acting at once.

From Tuesday's Daily.

POST MASTER Hackworth has made an improvement in the Postoffice by a general painting up, which was much needed. A man owing a lock box now, can find his number without putting on spectacles to aid his natural vision.

PERSONAL.—Major D. L. McGary, of the *Civilian*, soon to be of the *Galvestonian*, was in the city yesterday, and honored our sanctum with his presence. The Major is looking the picture of a man who had pleasant prospects of pastures fresh and green in the near future.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Jas. E. Stevens, of Travis was in the city yesterday, and reports everything prosperous in that portion of Austin county.

MR. STEARNS, Senior, and Dr. Creath, both of Rocky, were also in the city yesterday. If we may take the appearance of the two gentlemen named as an average sample of the hygienic condition of the people in the neighborhood of Rocky, there is no very flattering prospect that the Doctor's professional services will be in pressing demand. But when there is any case to be treated in that vicinity, the skill of Doctor C. is certain to be put into immediate requisition.

LAST SUNDAY there were four Mexican women in the city, trying to turn an honest penny by selling mocking-birds, a cage with a pair of these birds, being attached to the shoulders of each of the "ladies."

The toilets of the Mexican Sonoritas, were not greatly different from those worn in the rural districts—minus the "pull-back," for these dames seemed intent on going forward.

In the style of arranging their raven tresses, they exhibited a commendable degree of imitation, by wearing this crowning adornment to woman's charms, in the fashion known as "scramble."

We are not well up in the technical terms that hedge in the "mystical subtleties" that constitute a lady's divine paraphernalia. But at any rate, while looking in vain for the languishing beauty, said by so many writers to linger in the "soft blue eyes" of Mexican Sonoritas, we observed that their "head gear" presented the appearance of having long been a stranger to the regulating influence of the domestic article known as a comb.

From Wednesday's Daily.

DOES ADVERTISING PAY?—A sewing machine repairer advertised that he would be in Brenham by the 20th of this month, for the purpose of waiting on those needing his services. Two orders at the BANNER await his arrival. It looks as if advertising paid, and promptly at that.

The law card of C. T. Kavanaugh, Esq., will be found in this issue of the BANNER. Mr. K. is a gentleman of large experience in the management of legal business, and having an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances who can appreciate his merits, he will, no doubt, find employment for his time and talents.

ANTHONY Kelly and Dave Corus, alias Dave Williams, were tried yesterday for hog stealing, and sent to the penitentiary for one year. Kleptomaniacs seems to be a malady prevailing among our lately enfranchised fellow-citizens. Will they never learn to distinguish between *mens et tunc*, or in plain old English, mine and thine.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was the worst day we have had during the winter. It sleeted some during the night and set in about breakfast time as if business was meant, and continued until about 11 o'clock.

Few men from the country came to the city during the day, except those who were forced to attend court in some capacity. Less business was transacted by our merchants than in any day for a long time back.

THERE may have been scores of local items laying around loose yesterday, to be utilized by a persevering reporter, but the day was too inclement for indulging in outdoor amusement. It may be seriously doubted if the most oppressed son-in-law who was ever harassed by that much misrepresented personage, the traditional mother-in-law, would have been willing to attend her funeral yesterday. Undoubtedly he would have grumbled and said "why couldn't she have put it off a day or two?"

From Thursday's Daily.

SEVERAL State cases were disposed of in the District Court, yesterday. None of them, however, were of great importance to the public.

If our people do not supply themselves with mocking birds to cheer their hearts with ever varying songs, the fault will be their own, and not that of the dealers in the feathered songsters. These peddlers were splitting the mud yesterday.

YESTERDAY was so very unpleasant, that little business was done in the city, outside of the trade within its limits. We are having a spell of bad weather, whose protracted stay is as disagreeable as that of an unwelcome guest.

HUGH CAMACK, a colored man, was tried yesterday in our District Court on a charge of maintaining, and was acquitted. Messrs. Breedlove & Ewing conducted the defense it would be superfluous to say with ability. They are always equal to that.

PERSONAL.—Lieut. J. L. Hall of Capt. McNelly's Company is in the city. Last week Lieut. Hall delivered five prisoners from De Witt, at the city of Austin last week. The company is to be mustered out of the State service the 25th instant.

Lieut. Hall is stopping with his friend Col. Sloan.

MR. J. K. WHITMAN, of Lowndes county, Alabama, called at the BANNER office yesterday. Mr. Whitman has a reputation of a genial, solid gentleman. He will probably become a citizen of our county. There is room for such men, who are an acquisition to any community.

"PEABODY FUND."—Doctor B. Sears will lecture in this city, Wednesday, the 31st instant, on the "Peabody Fund," his object being to prepare the way for a larger and more beneficial distribution of this great fund, in Texas.

Doctor Sears is one of the representative great men of the day, and his learning and ability, will command a full house when he comes.

From Friday's Daily.

REV. DR. BROWN, the Jewish Rabbi, lectures here tonight. He will doubtless draw a full house.

REMEMBER, the reading tonight by Mrs. Williams, in the parlor of the Central. It will be a feast for gentlemen and ladies of cultivated tastes.

YESTERDAY evening, the sun, which had for several days kept his face as closely veiled as a Mohammedan beauty is supposed to preserve hers, dispensed his rays, rendered unusually welcome by their long absence. The weather is now as pretty as heart could wish.

"LEONORA," our Sempronius correspondent, we hope will excuse the Junior of the BANNER for the liberty he has taken of drawing the pencil through the paragraph so highly complimentary to himself. We are obliged to our correspondent for the good opinion entertained of us, and shall study to deserve and maintain it.

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued by H. M. Lewis, County Clerk, for week ending Jan. 18th, 1877:

W. Spencer to E. Patton; Robert Johnson to A. Clay; R. Barleson to Ida Royall; H. M. Read to M. V. McDade; R. Evans to H. Carothers; Henry Lewis to Ellen Talbert; H. Sange to S. Polzinski; H. Wiek to Louise Steffen.

OUR Sempronius friends visiting the city Fridays and Saturdays, can get the BANNER from three to four days earlier, by calling at this office and getting the package, than by waiting for it to reach them by course of mail. We hope they will not neglect this. We will keep the package for them, till Monday, noon.

PERSONAL.—The many friends of J. F. Matchett, will be glad to learn that he contemplates returning to Brenham at an early day and resuming practice. He is a fine physician, an able man and a clever gentleman.

The return of this gentleman to Brenham is proof, if proof of the fact were needed,—that the advantages of Brenham and surrounding country, are not excelled by any section of our great State. During his absence Dr. M. has visited several of the north western counties, and among them Browne and Comanche. The truth is there is no portion of Texas that offers superior attractions to those found in our own midst.

"FARMER BOY" has a place in this issue of the BANNER, but we by no means adopt the idea that it would be sound policy for the grangers to buy their staple goods at Galveston.

We once read a portion of a book entitled "Every Man his own Lawyer," and were soon convinced that any man who followed the book, having any considerable business to transact, requiring legal acumen, would soon find himself so entangled in the meshes of uncertainty, that it would require the labor of two or three good lawyers to straighten him out.

"Every man his own Doctor," is a work equally absurd. If it was followed, perhaps there would be fewer fools in the world and fewer people also. We have alluded to these two professions to show the absurdity of a man's being his own everything. It is not more absurd for every man to be his own lawyer, doctor, blacksmith or silversmith, than it is for every man to be his own merchant.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Wood & Low, in this issue. These gentlemen are well known in the county and no doubt receive the patronage they so well deserve as public benefactors.

AN OLD TRIED FRIEND.—For twenty years Tatt's Pills have proven the friend of the invalid and through all the changes of that period tens of thousands still stick to their old friend, and as many more are daily testing their virtues.

"YOUR SIMMONS' Liver Regulator has been in use in my family for some time, and I am persuaded it is a valuable addition to the medical science."—Gov. Jno. Gill Shorter, of Ala.

"It has proved a good and efficacious medicine."—C. A. Nutting.

BAR MEETING.

District Court, Washington County.

LIST OF SIX CASES.

TUESDAY JANUARY 30.

4840 Cook vs Carter.
4963 Carter vs Cook & Degges.
5377 Campbell vs Breedlove.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31.

4994 Lockett vs Maynard.
5024 Knapp vs Graves.
5358 Wangemann vs Ins. Co.
5378 Wardwell vs Matchett.

THURSDAY FEB. 1.

5033 Pesch vs Basset.
5090 Davis vs Garrett.
5137 Rankin vs Rankin.
5159 Hackworth vs Hackworth.

FRIDAY FEB. 2.

5097 Tonn vs Wicchiann.
5375 Willis vs Whitmann.
5379 Wilkins vs Fleming.

SATURDAY FEB. 3.

4589 Randle vs Compton.
5287 Kelly vs Kelly.
5289 Nichols vs Barber.

SUNDAY FEB. 4.

4167 Meredith vs Chadwick.
4829 Kramer vs Kramer.
5114 Low vs McIntyre & Rippetoe.

MONDAY FEB. 5.

5209 McIntyre vs Low.
FEBRUARY 6.

4723 Kenedy vs McIntyre.
5110 Dwyer vs Parsons & Barber.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7.

5356 Hendley & Co vs Hodde Werner.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7.

4750 Griffin vs Lockett.
4993 Perry vs H & T C R Wy Co.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8.

5006 Flewelen vs Evans.
4774 Morgan vs Giddings.
4920 Gaines & Stone vs Hammond.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9.

4906 H & T C R Wy Co vs Binding.
5298 Moore vs Moore.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10.

5039 Reese vs Wilkins.
MONDAY, FEB. 12.

5135 Burton Bros. vs Bailly & Pond.
5350 Hodge, Goddard & Co vs Brockenbent.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13.

5178 Anderson vs H & T C R Wy Co.
5390 Reid & Smith vs Wilkinson.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14.

5111 Bassett & Bassett vs Axer.
5395 Hatfield Estate.

Cases not set on subject to call. JOHN SAYLES, Pres't.
SETH SHEPARD, Sec'y.

We clip the following from the *Houston Telegraph*, endorsing Mrs. Williams' Reading. We have no doubt that every word said in commendation of her ability is well deserved.

Mrs. Williams is in the city, stopping at the Central. She honored the BANNER office by a call yesterday evening. She will give Readings in this city, to-night, in the parlor of the Central Hotel.

A glance at this lady serves to convince the beholder that she is highly gifted, intellectually, and thoroughly accomplished in the entertaining art she practices. The *Telegraph* says:

"Her programme was well chosen, such pieces as Tennyson's 'Guthrieve,' a fragment of which she read; 'Quarrel of Brutus and Cassius,' from Julius Caesar; 'Stealing through the Gate,' and 'Good Night, but not Good Bye,' by Mollie E. Moore; 'Mrs. Caudle's Lecture,' by Jerrold, and John Hay's 'Jim Bludso,' being of a kind to give play to her powers of voice and manner. Her rendition of 'Stealing through the Gate,' 'Good Night, but not Good Bye,' and 'Mrs. Caudle's Lecture,' struck us more favorably than her reading of the other pieces, though they were well rendered also, and were most favorably received by the audience. There is scarcely a poem in the English language more difficult to read perfectly than 'Jim Bludso,' and when we say that Mrs. Williams read it well, we do her no more than justice.

Also the same new way! a new principle for the cure of Catarrh, Sores in the Nose and Throat, Dr. J. H. McLean's Catarrh Snuff, It soothes and heals. Trial Boxes 50 cts. by mail. Dr. J. H. McLean, 814 Chesnut St., St. Louis, Mo.

LABOR.

The man or woman who is above labor, and despises the laborer, shows a want of common sense and forgets that every article that is used is the product of more or less labor, and that the air they breathe and the circulation of blood in the veins, is the result of the labor of the God of nature.

Washington and his lady were examples of industry, plainness, frugality and economy; and thousands of others of the wealthy labored in the field and kitchen, in olden times, before folly superseded wisdom, and fashion drove economy and common sense off the track. The necessity imposed on man to labor is unquestionably a great blessing, as much as many are opposed to it, and others flee from it. In those countries and districts of country where the greatest amount of labor is requisite to obtain the necessities of life, we find the most vigorous, healthy and athletic inhabitants. Where nature has done most for man, in providing for his bodily wants, we find him most destitute of the solid comforts of life. In the highlands of Scotland, on the mountains of Circassia, amidst the hills of Norway, the people are happier, by far more robust, and more energetic than in effeminate Spain or impoverished Italy. In our own country, rockbound New England, the long range of the Alleghany mountains, and their numerous spurs and valleys, support a hardy race of men.

To Arrive.

500 Barrels Genuine Northern Seed Potatoes; Early Rose, Early Goodrich, Jackson's, Whites and Peerless. Also 200 Barrels choice large red Northern apples.

C. W. KLAEDEN.

Market Report.

Gold.....109 @109 1/2
Silver.....102 @103
Cotton.....

Low ordinary.....9 1/2
Ordinary.....9 1/2
Good Ordinary.....10 1/4
Low middling.....10 3/4
Middling.....11 1/4
High middling.....11 1/2

DRAIN SIZES.....
Flour.....70 @80 1/2 lb
Corn meal.....50 @ 75 1/2 lb
Corn.....30 @ 50 1/2 lb

HIDES.....
Dry Flank.....12 @12 1/2
Dry Sided.....11 @11 1/2
Green.....8 1/2 @ 4

BACON.....
Clear Sides.....12 @12 1/2
Lard.....14 @16
Butter.....20 @20
Eggs.....15 @20

A Card to the Public.

For many years we have made two medicines suited to the ailments of a vast class of sufferers. Thousands of cures have been made by them, and in fact, the world failure could not be coupled with them. But within the last two years counterfeiters of our medicines have sprung up, dangerous in their close imitation of our trade mark. To secure the people we have placed upon each genuine box of Holloway's Ointment the fac simile of the signature of our agent, Mr. Jos. Haydock. To counterfeit is felony. We shall relentlessly pursue any one who imitates this with the utmost vigor of the law. We most earnestly beg that the great mass of the American people will aid us in our efforts to protect their health, and help us in our task of bringing these most unprincipled men to the bar of justice. Uniformly refuse to purchase medicines purporting to be ours unless Mr. Jos. Haydock's signature is attached to each box of Pills or pot of Ointment and the end will soon be reached. The public's obedient servants, J. W. M. HARRIS, del'y. HOLLOWAY & Co.

New Advertisements.

Wood & Low,

—AGENTS FOR—

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STUBBAKER FARM AND SPRING WAGONS,

Kentucky Cane Mills and Evaporators.

Phoenix Cotton Gins, Etc.

—DEALERS IN—

Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Etc., Brenham, Texas.

Has had an extensive experience in repairing Gins, Ginn Filling, building of Gins, Cotton Presses, etc., also does carpenter work. Refer to Capt. J. S. Smith, J. F. Matthews, Ed. Chappell, John Carlisle, and others at Chappell Hill.

All orders left with John Carlisle, Chappell Hill, or addressed to me at Buckhorn, will meet with prompt attention. Oct. 6 wdm.

Consumption.

A trial box of Dr. Kisser's celebrated Consumption Powders will be sent free, by mail post paid, to every sufferer from the above disease. This is the only preparation known to cure or benefit that disease. Price for large box, \$3.00. Address: ASH & ROBBINS, 300 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The American People.

No people in the world suffer as much with Dyspepsia as do the Americans. Although years of experience in medicine has failed to accomplish a certain and sure remedy for disease and its effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water coming up of food after eating, low spirits, etc., yet since the introduction of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER we believe there is no case of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint that cannot be immediately relieved. 2,000 dozen sold last year without one case of failure reported. Go to your Drug Store, or send for a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you. Regular Size 50 cents.

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C. T. KAVANAUGH, Attorney-at-Law, Brenham, — Texas.

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A Sample Bottle Free. If you are troubled with Headache, dizziness, incapacity to keep the mind on any subject, drowsy, sleepy, or nervous feelings, gloomy forebodings, irritability of temper, or a bad taste in the mouth, uneasy appetite, choking sensation in the throat, pain in the side or about the shoulder, coldness of extremities, etc., or in fact any symptoms of Liver complaint, biliousness, constipation of the bowels, or dyspepsia, go to your druggist R. E. Lohm and get a bottle of Dr. Sherman's Prickly Ash Bitters. No spirit is used in their manufacture except a pure article of Holland Gin. Ladies in particular will find them peculiarly adapted to their wants in all ages and conditions of life. The bottle tells all they contain, consequently physicians do not hesitate to prescribe them. Sample bottle for trial free. Regular size \$1. June2wly.

Fits or Epilepsy.

"Any person afflicted with the above disease is requested to send their address to Ash & Robbins, and a trial box of Dr. Gould's Infallible Fit Powders will be sent to them, by mail, post paid, free. These powders have been tested by hundreds of cases in the Old world, and a permanent cure has been the result in every instance. Sufferers from this disease should give these powders an early trial, as its curative powers are wonderful, many persons having been cured by a trial box.

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Vick's Flower and Vegetable Garden.

is the most beautiful work of the kind in the world. It contains nearly 150 pages, hundreds of fine illustrations, and six Chromo Plates of Flowers, beautifully drawn and colored from nature. Price 50 cents in paper covers, \$1.00 in cloth. Printed in German and English.

Vick's Floral Guide, Quarterly, 35 cents a year.

Vick's Catalogue—300 Illustrations only 2 cents. Address: JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y.

STOLEN.

ON Saturday evening, Dec. 30, 1876, opposite Court House square, no boy in a blue D on the hip, and a blotch brand on shoulder. I will pay a liberal reward for the male, or any information that will lead to his recovery. J. W. M. HARRIS, Brenham, January 5, 77. wcf

Natasha Tablet copy twice and send bill to J. W. M. Harris, Brenham.

CALVIN WINGATE, Gin and Press Repairer, Buckhorn, Austin County, Texas.

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T. B. COLESBY, Gin-Dresser and Repairer, Hempstead, Texas.

Takes pleasure in announcing that he is now prepared to apply to gins for new Patent Gin-Dress at reasonable rates. My mode of dress is superior to the best point, or any other in use; inasmuch as it does not mar, clean the seeds, makes a better sample and gins faster.

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Saddle Stealer.</